

## Smithfield and Hyrum News

### The Various Lot of Happening that Make Up Life in these Towns.

SMITHFIELD, January 1, 1907.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beveridge entertained at a small party New Year's Eve. The following were invited: Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, Jos. Watts, George Miles, W. C. Mack and Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith. The evening was pleasantly spent in card and games. Eleven o'clock supper was served and the old year bidden a fond farewell, and the new year a rousing welcome. The party broke up at a late hour all having enjoyed a very delightful evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gydison left yesterday morning for Salinas, California. The gentleman has been employed for the past five months in the Smithfield drug store and gave universal satisfaction. Mrs. L. C. Boynton is at present filling the position.

Next Sunday evening the Mutuals will hold their conjoint meeting in the tabernacle. There will be a musical program and an address on the "Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco on the Human System," by Dr. R. J. Smith.

A very large and enthusiastic audience greeted the Home Dramatic Co. in its presentation of "The White Lie." The members of the company deserve credit for their pains-taking efforts in getting up so pleasing a play.

For Sale—A 7-year-old bay driving mare; weight 1150 lbs. A good looker and traveler. Also a 6-year old black driver and saddler. A beauty, weight 1000 lbs. Dr. R. J. Smith.

There was a dance at Hillyard's opera house Monday evening. Thatcher orchestra furnishing the music.

Harpur Hill and wife will entertain at dinner New Year's Day a large party of friends and relatives.

John Hillyard is going to put in a new floor in the opera house at an early date.

There was a large band dance given in Smith's hall New Year's Eve.

The band dance at A. Smith's hall Saturday night was a big success.

Gladys Farrell entertained a number of friends New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Sheen is seriously ill with pneumonia.

HYRUM, January 1, 1907.—The Hyrum Stake quarterly conference was held here Saturday and Sunday last. President W. C. Parkinson presided. Apostle Orson F. Whitney was present of visiting authorities. All sessions of the conference were well attended, the house being crowded to the limit on Sunday. Excellent singing was rendered by the Hyrum Third ward choir. A feature of the conference was the singing of Miss Walborg Peterson at the Sunday afternoon ses-

sion. President Parkinson gave a report of the general condition of the Stake. The following Bishops gave reports of their respective wards: C. O. Dunn, Samuel Oldham, David Murray, H. J. Nielsen, John D. Roueche, A. A. Allen Jr., Alma O. Jackson, Mormon D. Bird and E. R. Owen. Other speakers of the conference were A. M. Israelsen, Wm. H. Maughan, C. Shaw, Nellie E. Parkinson and Lars Larson. At each of the meetings Apostle Whitney gave excellent addresses in his interesting style. Many expressions were heard of the splendid success of the conference. Sunday night the Stake Mutuals gave an interesting program. All were pleased that Apostle Whitney was present a part of the time and gave another address to the young people.

Last Thursday evening the First ward Primary gave a very successful operetta entitled, "Santa Claus Defenders." This was the second presentation of this piece, the first being so well received that many people desired to see it again. Great credit is due Mrs. Clara Williams who had this matter in charge, for her effort in training so many children.

Quite a number of people who were once residents of Hyrum are here spending the holidays, and are visiting friends and relatives. Among them are Martha Allen, of Blackfoot, Jerry Christiansen and wife, of Downey, Idaho, Ellen Allen, of Idaho Falls, John and Florence Wilkes, and Peter Jensen, of Pocatello.

Joseph Baxter has been very prosperous since moving to our city. Last Saturday his wife presented him with twin boys. Since then he has been in such good humor that he has almost been giving things away at his store.

The various places of amusements are well patronized as is usual at this season of the year. Dances are being given nearly every night at the pavilion, and the skating rink recently started is crowded every night.

Lars K. Larson has returned from a two years' mission to Norway. He is looking and feeling good. While away he spent most of his time in Christiana where he presided over a branch there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Jensen and daughter Ethel, from Idaho Falls, are here to spend holidays and visit friends and relatives. Mr. Jensen is one of the county commissioners in Bingham County, Idaho.

All of our district school teachers will be in attendance at the state teachers institute to be held in Ogden this week.

The Josephine Deffy company is billed to play here three nights this week commencing tonight.

## \$10,000 GIFT TO THE B. Y. C.

Santa Claus, in the person of C. W. Nibley, brought the Brigham Young College a princely gift—\$10,000 cash, this amount being presented by Mr. Nibley for the erection of an assembly and amusement hall. Even now the plans for the erection of the building are under way, and before the next school year rolls 'round another excellent building will grace the splendid site of the B. Y. C.

According to President Linford the building will be erected so as to form one of the wings of a group of buildings, of which the big main building

yet to be erected will form the center. It is the intention now to have general plans submitted for the grouping of future buildings, the laying out of the grounds, etc., and a competition between local architects is on. The new building made possible by Mr. Nibley will be about 100 feet long, with a seating capacity of 1,200, and a stage 25x39 feet. There will probably be a large basement also.

This splendid addition means much to the Brigham Young College and all concerned are highly appreciative of Mr. Nibley's generosity.

## Bishop Thomas X. Smith Dead

### Final Summons Came Just After the Dawn of the New Year.

Bishop Thomas X. Smith is dead, his soul passing to the great beyond at 1:50 o'clock Tuesday morning. Since a paralytic stroke just a few weeks ago, little or no hope of his recovery was entertained, and while his death brings deepest sadness to his families, and general regret among his associates and friends, the announcement of his final demise does not come as a shock. To the Bishop's pain-racked body the visit of the death angel was probably a welcome relief, though at no time during his illness and suffering was he heard to murmur. However, he had fought the good fight, was well prepared for the final end, and no doubt welcomed the release from the bonds that were keeping him from the splendid reward that he unquestionably merits.

At his death, Bishop Smith was just a few days past 78 years of age, having been born in Eaton Brae, Bedfordshire, England, on Christmas day, 1828. He allied himself with the Latter-day Saints in 1849 and emigrated to Utah in 1854. Farmington was his first home in Zion and there he remained for six years. He came to Logan in 1860 and was made one of the acting bishops. Later he was ordained bishop of the Fourth ward, a position he held with honor to himself and satisfaction of the people until two or three months ago, when failing health made it necessary for his successor to be named.

During his life Bishop Smith performed a mission to the British Isles, and up to the time of his release in October, 1906, he had acted as bishop longer than any in the county. It is believed that he served longer in the bishopric than any other in the whole church.

Bishop Smith's public life has been confined largely to ecclesiastical service, though for several years he has been Precinct Justice of the Peace, and might have had various political preferences had he cared. But with him it was his church, his religion, his service to the people, always, and he died in that service.

Bishop Smith was the father of eleven children by the wife of his youth who died in this city December 3, 1880. Two wives and a total of sixteen children survive him; also fifty-four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

#### A Good Man.

Bishop Smith was indisputably one of the very best of those whose lives has been cast in this community. He was universally respected, loved dearly by those who came in close contact with him, and appreciated greatly by even those with a slight acquaintance. There was that in his handshake, in the frank countenance, the mild and gentle eye, that told of sincerity, of love of man and love of honor—and the record of his life is a record of honesty, integrity, and a striving for the better things. As Bishop he was an indefatigable worker—he never left the work for others to do. He was constant year in and year out and ever sacrificed himself for those over whom he presided. And it is said that his heart was a well-spring of love, tender sympathy, kindness and consideration. He exhorted earnestly in love, seldom censured or scolded and sought to lead rather than command. With infinite tact and patience he guided his flock, and no man in the state ever had a more loyal following than had Bishop Smith in the Fourth ward. The deepest sorrow prevails there today, but it is hardly less in the other wards of this city, for Bishop Smith was known well throughout the city and county.

Bishop Smith was unquestionably a "close churchman," but the writer of this, the Gentle end of this concern, desires to say that no churchman in this city has shown him the kindly consideration that Bishop Smith offered in the past five years. His was ever a kindly greeting, whole-hearted, sincere, not from a corner of the heart or eye and, personally, we have appreciated that deeply. Perhaps this personal matter is not of particular inter-

## Grim Reaper's Dread Harvest

### Death Calls Both Old and Young During the Festal Season.

Mrs. Persis Atherton Farr, mother of Mrs. Moses Thatcher, A. F. Farr and L. C. Farr, died at the home of her daughter Monday morning, at the age of 87. She was a most estimable lady and in her earlier years was identified with the good works of the community. In recent years, since the death of her husband, the late Judge Aaron Farr, she had been taken care of by her daughter, Mrs. Moses Thatcher, and to the end, which came peacefully, she had about her all the kindnesses that loving hands could bestow. New Hampshire was Mrs. Farr's native state. On January 10, 1884, she was married to A. F. Farr, and it was their honor to have the ceremony performed by the Prophet Joseph. The couple came to Zion in '47 and resided here thereafter. Mrs. Farr is well known to most of the older people. The funeral service will be held in the First ward rooms in the Tabernacle tomorrow (Thursday) at one o'clock.

held today at 2 o'clock in the Second ward meeting house.

The five-days-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Davis, of the Second ward, died on Sunday quite unexpectedly. The little girl came as a Christmas gift and up until a few hours of its death bade fair to become a source of joy to its parents in after years. Two other daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis died in their infancy, and on this account the last visit of the grim reaper seems especially hard.

The funeral of John Catmul was held at Benson Ward Monday afternoon, and there was a large attendance. The speakers were W. W. and S. H. Roundy, John Reese Sr., Jacob Jorgenson, Paul Cardon, Philip Purser, Bishop Ballard and Dr. George Thomas. All spoke of the honesty and integrity of the deceased. The remains were taken to the Hyde Park cemetery for burial. Mr. Catmul was 80 years of age, one of the pioneers of the valley.

## A Suicide.

Mrs. Green, wife of G. E. Green, dentist of this city, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking a large dose of granulated strychnine. Yesterday morning she expressed a desire to go hunting with her husband, who remonstrated with her, saying that it was too cold. Upon his return some few unpleasant words passed between them, after which Mrs. Green stepped into an adjoining room and took the poison, bidding her husband "good bye" as she did so. Medical aid was called in, but was of no avail, as the woman died in ten minutes after taking the poison. A box of mercury tablets was found in one of her stockings. She had previously expressed her intentions to some of the inmates of the hotel where she was stopping. The couple recently came from Atlanta, Georgia, to this state.

## Gans Winner.

At the Gans Herman fight, at Tonopah yesterday, Gans knocked Herman out in the eighth round, with a blow on the jaw.

The Hyrum Stake High Council will meet in Hyrum Saturday, January 5, at 10 a. m. Stake priesthood meeting at 12 o'clock. Wm. C. Parkinsonson, A. M. Israelsen, Wm. H. Maughan, Stake presidency.

Samuel T. Jessop, and H. C. Harrison, of Magrath, Alberta, are in Cache Valley visiting relatives and friends and will return home on January 15th.

E. M. Curtis, formerly of this city, of recent years a resident of Rexburg, died in that city last Friday and was buried in the Logan cemetery Monday afternoon. The death was due to cancer of the stomach, from which Mr. Curtis had suffered some little time. By this death two wives and a large family are left.

Mr. Curtis while a resident of Logan was a successful business man, fairly well-to-do, being located where the Cardon Jewelry company's place now stands. He was generally respected and many friends here regret to learn of his death.

At the funeral service held in the tabernacle Monday afternoon Bishop B. M. Lewis, Samuel Holt, Alexander Lewis and Moses Thatcher were the speakers.

H. T. Hearst, a nephew of L. C. Farr, died at the latter's home on Sunday following a short illness of pneumonia that beset him on Christmas day. The young man was 27 years of age and was a student of the B. Y. C., having come here from Teton, Idaho, where he had been making his home. He was a son of the late Charles Hurst, who was a brother of Mrs. Farr. The young man was well known here and bore an excellent reputation. The funeral service will be

est to the public, but we desire to add the testimony that is within us.

#### The Funeral

service will be held in the Stake Tabernacle Friday noon at 12 o'clock. The remains will lie in state at 191 East 5th North from today at 12 o'clock until noon on Thursday, and from Thursday at noon until Friday at 11 o'clock may be viewed at 325 N. First East street.

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